GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MANUFACTURE OF OXYTOCIN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether oxytocin is being misused as it is being used only for animal lactation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken /being taken by the Government against the companies who are manufacturing the banned Oxytocin ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Oxytocin injection, which is indicated for the induction of labour and for the stimulation of uterine contraction during labour has been reported to be misused for animal lactation. As per authoritative texts, oxytocin is metabolized and broken in the body and the active drug is not secreted through milk and therefore connot go into foetus or to the calf.

(b) & (c) In order to check misuse/sale of oxytocin inj. In veterinary practices, the following measures have been taken:

1 All State Licensing Authorities have been advised to instruct the manufacturers of Bulk Oxytocin Inj. to sell the raw material only to actual users and to direct them to submit periodically reports of such sale to the concerned licensing authorities.

2 All State Licensing Authorities have been advised to direct all the Oxytocin manufacturers to furnish quarterly reports of production and distribution to the concerned Licensing Authorities/Drugs Controller General of India.

3 All the State Licensing Authorities have been advised that sale of Oxytocin Inj. should be made through retail out lets for veterinary use, strictly against the prescription of Regd. Veterinary Practitioners.

4 The Drugs and Cosmetics Rules has been amended to incorporate pack size of Oxytocin Inj. in single blister pack against the earlier prescribed large packing containing 50-100 ampoules as the large pack size was reported to be misused in milch animals.

As per information available from Drugs Controller, Chandigarh Administration (UT), permission to manufacture Oxytocin Injection (Vety.) in respect of two firm namely, M/s B.M. Pharmaceuticals and M/s Sansar pharmaceuticals has been cancelled.